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SECRET BALLOT ROW FORCED ON CONVENTION

DISCRETION UNFAIR, HE CHARGES

Ashford Declares in Two Instances Governor Used Power to Discriminate

Two charges made by Attorney Ashford for Prince Kalaniana'ole, in which the administration is accused of exercising a "discretion" in withholding homestead tracts that amounted to discrimination, formed the principal and sensational feature of today's hearing before Secretary of the Interior Fisher, in the Senate chamber of the government building.

Both are so serious in nature that the Secretary instructed Attorney Ashford to make further investigation and produce definite evidence showing either the truth or falsity of the accusations, and Ashford himself expressed the hope that the rumors would prove untrue, because, he declared, he and his client are not seeking to develop a scandal of this character.

The first of these charges was made in the form of a statement in which Ashford said the story had come to him that residence lots, surveyed along the highway on the Hawaiian homestead tract, had been withheld by the government through the fear that stores would be built on them to enter into competition with the plantation stores of the district.

The other was the charge that lots near Hilo had been withheld from the Thompson Settlement Association by the administration largely because of the belief that the persons desiring to take them were store clerks or members of that class of townpeople, who would not cultivate them and would not make good farmers.

Governor Frear gave an explanation of the first-mentioned charge that proved quite satisfactory. He said the residence lots had been surveyed and held in reserve for the homesteaders, but they had failed to make any application for them. The lots had not been advertised, and he admitted that it was possible no applications had been made for the reason that the people did not know they were open for settlement.

These subjects cropped up in the last few minutes of the morning's inquiry, all of which was given over to problems of the land department, with Land Commissioner Joshua Tucker occupying the witness chair throughout.

At the close Secretary Fisher instructed Attorney Ashford to bring before him all the evidence he could find in any way relating to these two charges. This evidence, presenting both sides of the question, will be probably the first thing taken up at the next public session in Honolulu, which Secretary Fisher has set for 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, September 30. The party will leave Honolulu at noon tomorrow for a ten-day tour over the islands of Hawaii and Maui, the itinerary of which has been published in the Star-Bulletin.

In plain, unquestionable terms Secretary Fisher this morning publicly denied the story in the morning paper stating that he had given his approval to a set of homesteading and land laws devised by Albert Horner and handed by that person to the morning sheet for publication. The Secretary made his denial in his opening remarks.

Advertiser Statement Repudiated. Today's inquiry began at 10 o'clock, instead of 9:30 as before.

The Secretary, addressing Attorney Olson, asked for suggestions on the land problem.

The Secretary said: "I have expressed no approval of any plans presented by anybody, and wish that whoever is responsible for the article in this morning's paper would take prompt steps to correct the statement made there that I have approved a set of plans said to have been drawn by Mr. Albert Horner."

Land Commissioner Tucker was then called by Attorney Olson, and queried concerning the Aloha Aina settlement. General lease No. 637, containing the right of withdrawing lands for homesteading, was produced by Tucker, who stated that privilege

MATSON CO.'S NEW STEAMER FINE VESSEL

Second of New Liners To Be Ready November, 1913, Cables Tenney

COMPANY TO PUT ON A WEEKLY SERVICE

Four Passenger Boats Assures Honolulu Schedule Never Before Equalled

Honolulu is today assured of weekly steamship service by liners flying the Matson Navigation house flag, with the completion of a new and modern equipped steamship, the contract for which has been signed by Captain William Matson and Vice-President E. D. Tenney, of the Matson Company, according to a lengthy cable received this morning by Shipping Manager John H. Drew, of Castle & Cooke.

The positive announcement of the letting of this important contract will be hailed with delight by the business community and the general public in these islands.

Vice-President and General Manager Tenney has cabled today that the second of the new steamships has been ordered. The vessel, which in every way will correspond to the liner Wilhelmina in its construction and equipment, will be built at the well-known yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, which concern also holds the contract for the building of the larger liner ordered some months ago, and extensively mentioned through the columns of the Star-Bulletin at the time.

The Matson line now ordered and to be delivered to the owners by the latter part of 1913, is to be 446 feet in length, with a breadth of 54 feet. This vessel will have cabin accommodations for ninety passengers. The plans also call for providing quarters for a large number of second class passengers. The new liner for which a contract has just been signed, is declared will be equally as modern and up-to-date as the larger vessel now under construction at the Newport News shipyards.

The Matson Company has been assured that the new vessel will be ready for delivery not later than November 1st, 1913.

According to advice received by Manager Drew, the two new ships should leave the East Coast of the United States on or about the same time. Every device and improvement known to modern steamship construction has been carefully studied by the officers in the Matson Company with a view of incorporation in the two new steamers. It is stated that they will represent the last word in shipbuilding.

Weekly Service Promised. The addition of two new and fast liners means that the Matson Navigation Company will be prepared to maintain a weekly service of passenger liners between Honolulu and San Francisco direct. These vessels are being constructed with a view of covering the run from islands to coast in twenty-eight days or under.

With four steamships in the trade between Honolulu and the California coast port, the company officials are satisfied that a steamer can easily be dispatched every seven days from each end of the line.

A service in which the Wilhelmina, the two new steamers and the Lurline figure, will guarantee a far more prompt and regular transhipment of freight as well as the transit of passengers to the mainland, a matter that is destined to meet the increased demand for additional and faster tonnage.

The four steamers will insure a cabin passenger capacity for nearly five hundred travelers. These figures allow for 150 in the Wilhelmina, one new liner at 250, the second steamer at 90, and the Lurline at 50 passengers.

Mr. Drew expects to receive fuller details concerning the final plans passed upon for the new vessel, in a later mail. The Matson Navigation Company has in view the determination of keeping pace with the constantly growing demands made upon the company for more tonnage, and the placing of the second contract today marks the fulfillment of this progressive policy.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—Beets: 88 analysis, 12s. Parity 4.54c. Precious quotation, 12s. 2d.

A general cargo from Europe is reported to have left Hamburg for the Hawaiian Islands in the British ship Juteopolis, which vessel is reported to have sailed on last Saturday.

COMMITTEE IS FRAMED FOR SECRET BALLOT, 6-3

Convention Will Fight It Out Today

With the rules committee split asunder over the "secret ballot" issue, the Republican county convention will fight out the issue on the floor this afternoon.

The fight is over the majority and minority reports of the committee, which is divided six and three, the six standing for a secret ballot, the three demanding that the convention's votes on various questions and candidates be taken on an open ballot.

The convention began its work shortly after ten o'clock this morning and after preliminary organization adjourned to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. During the interval the committees on rules, credentials and platform, appointed by Temporary Chairman Oscar P. Cox, held their meetings.

The rules committee was framed by Lorin Andrews and was framed so that there would be an unquestionable majority for the secret ballot.

Several of the precincts have instructed their delegates for neither the secret nor the open ballots, and no decision has been made by the delegates except that they will abide by the majority report of the rules. Under these circumstances the "secret ballot" will receive support from delegates which are not definitely in favor of this plan.

A feature of the morning's developments was the withdrawal of Jack Lucas from the supervisors' race and the possibility that E. H. Paris will become a candidate. John H. Craig is still in it, and W. H. Hoogs, who withdrew "conditionally," may re-enter the race unless Lucas and Craig withdraw, but there was a story today that he would possibly enter if either Lucas or Craig withdrew.

The voting at the convention will be by secret ballot unless the convention overthrows the majority report of the committee on rules and accepts the minority report which contains a compromise offered by John H. Wise that each precinct vote on its candidate and permit the chairman of the delegation to cast the vote in the convention.

The committee as framed by Lorin Andrews and announced through Chairman Cox met following the recess of the convention at Andrews' office. It was composed of L. A. Fernandez, John Wise, W. Henry, N. Fernandez, J. C. Cohen, E. M. Scoville, J. P. Dias, S. K. Mahoe and J. K. Makoko, chairman. When the third clause of the rules, that dealing with the

FISHER QUERIES KAUAI PLANTERS FROM SHOULDER

Wants To Know if Plantations Have Given Homesteader a Fair Deal

Has the homesteader been given a fair chance in Hawaii?

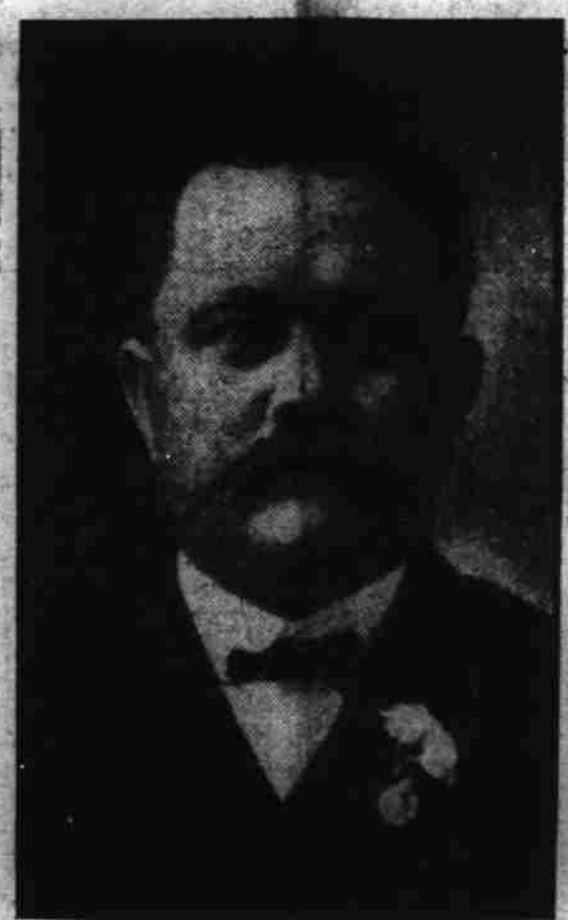
Are the plantations of Hawaii willing to give the homesteader a fair chance?

These are two of the important questions put by Secretary Fisher to the planters of Kauai yesterday and they were put straight from the shoulder as Fisher terms it, in his succinct Anglo-Saxon, "mag-to-man fashion."

The Secretary of the Interior yesterday got "next to the soil" in his local investigation. Taking ship at eight o'clock on Tuesday night, his party left Honolulu for the Garden Isle, arriving at seven o'clock yesterday morning at Waimea. At six o'clock yesterday evening the party again took ship, arriving at Honolulu at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

In that time Mr. Fisher had seen a lot of the Garden Island and a good many of its prominent people. He had traveled over some hundred miles of Kauai's justly famed roads, had held one very important and instructive public hearing, a number of informal discussions, had eaten two meals at Kauai homes, where the

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OSCAR P. COX
Chairman of the Republican county convention.



COL. SAM PARKER
Who, as chairman of the county committee, called today's convention to order.

tallot was reached, it was apparent at once that the committee stood six to three in favor of the secret ballot. Henry, Wise and Scoville alone favored the open ballot and prepared a minority report accordingly. There was no fight at all. The minority recognized that they were outclassed and calmly submitted after a few polite protests.

The committee decided that printed ballots would best serve the purpose and if the convention takes this view

Many Changes In Supervisorial Situation

of the matter an adjournment will be taken to permit of the printing.

Order of Business. The order of business as provided for, calls for the nomination and selection of supervisorial candidates first, then for the uncontested county offices, followed by the filing of the nominations for the mayoralty and for sheriff. The nominations for the legislative ticket will come last and will probably not be reached before tomorrow.

The rules otherwise, as suggested, are in accordance with the ones generally observed at Republican conventions, although it was decided to suggest that candidates should be permitted to pledge themselves in writing should they be unavoidably absent.

When the question of considering the rules submitted for approval came up, Scoville and Wise were absent and in fact the latter did not come in until the clauses relating to the ballot had been approved by a vote of six to two, the adherents of the open ballot being Henry and Scoville.

When the article permitting any delegate to call for a secret ballot when he so desired came up, High Sheriff Henry objected to it. "I think things should be done in the open," he said, "voting as well as anything else. I do not think we should decide this matter. We should leave it to the convention."

"We are here to draw up rules for approval," said Andrews, "and if you are opposed to this clause, I should suggest that you put it in a minority report."

At this juncture Scoville came in, and Henry explained that he had been opposing the provisions for the secret ballot in the clause in question.

"Well, I'm for an open ballot," said Scoville.

"You understand, Mr. Scoville, that the report of this committee does not bind the convention," said Joel Cohen. "Certainly, it doesn't," he replied, "but it has a great deal of effect on the delegates."

The vote was then taken and the clause approved.

The next clause provided for a secret ballot by delegates on all candidates, the ballots to be written and cast in a ballot box. An amendment to this was suggested on the ground that some of the delegates could not write and that it would be better to have printed ballots on which they could make their mark. Andrews remarked that the printing of ballots would require an adjournment but the

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ARMED MINERS IN UTAH WILL FIGHT

Bingham Copper Mines Shield Entrenched Workmen Who Demand Increase In Wages or Will Prevent Work

[Associated Press Cable] BINGHAM, Utah, Sept. 19.—One thousand armed miners have entrenched themselves in fortifications commanding the big copper mines and demand 25 cents additional pay a day before they will permit the mines to be operated. The Governor has decided to exhaust every effort to bring a settlement through mediation before calling out the militia, fearing that if the State sends the military into the field it will precipitate a bloody conflict similar to that waged in Colorado in what is known to history as the "Bull Hill War."

Madero Sends Re-Inforcements

[Associated Press Cable] DOUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 19.—The federals have promised to send 3,000 additional troops into Sonora to overcome the rebels there, and a thousand of the re-inforcements have entrained at Juarez.

Zeppelin Airship Crosses Sea

[Associated Press Cable] HAMBURG, Germany, Sept. 19.—A Zeppelin dirigible which left here for a voyage overseas to Copenhagen has reached Malmoe, Sweden on its journey.

Mack Picks Boston to Win

[Associated Press Cable] PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Connie Mack, the famous manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, predicts that Boston will win the World's series.

"WE MUST LEARN RAGTIME" SAYS Y. M. C. A. LYRIC CLUB

Members Win Revolt Against Curriculum of Classical Music Only

The recently organized Lyric Club of the Y. M. C. A. is going to learn to play ragtime music—real live ragtime. Such was the statement of A. T. Wisdom, manager of the club, in response to numerous inquiries as to whether the club intended to base the subjects of their selections on classical music only. At first it was decided to do this, but later the necessity of breaking into the line of popular music was seen.

"DOUGHBOYS" ON PRACTICE HIKE FOLLOWING FIELD DAY

Shafter Battalion of 2nd Infantry Has One Day of Real Sport

The Fort Shafter battalion of the Second Infantry has taken its cue from big league ball clubs, by closing "at home" with a big field day and then going on "the road" for a swing around the circuit. Yesterday the four companies competed in the regular quarterly field day, and bright and early this morning they hit the grit for a battalion practice march around the island.

This will be more like a vacation trip than a hard hike, for the itinerary calls for nine days on the road, which will divide the distance up into comparatively short marches, and give the men a chance to amuse themselves in camp during the afternoons. The camp sites will be so close that the doughboys will be given every possible opportunity to swim and fish, and get the benefit of the days in the open not only from a military, but also from a general physical standpoint.

Major Wholley, the battalion commander, was prevented at the last moment from making the march, being on sick report today. The command was taken by Captain Jamerson, a recent arrival from one of the service schools.

Yesterday's field day was one of the most successful ever held in the department. L company again demonstrated its athletic superiority, getting first place with a total of 43 points. One of the most interesting events was the wall scaling contest, which was won by K company in the fast time of 47 seconds. In this event L took second. The day ended with a double headed

er ball game between the companies. Following were the scores of the field day:

	I	K	L	M
Shooting contest	—	—	5	10
Scaling wall	—	—	15	8
Potato race	—	—	10	—
Co. relay race	—	—	5	10
Co. tug of war	—	—	8	15
Butts manual	—	—	15	8
Retiring sharpshooters	—	—	5	8
Baseball	—	—	8	—
Totals	—	—	34	38 43 26

WOMEN AND CHILDREN ATTACKED AT REVIVAL

French-Canadians Bombard Them With Missiles

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 31.—A message from Ville St. Pierre, a French Canadian village not far from the city, reports a disgraceful assault upon Bible women and comforters who have for some time been holding religious meetings in that district.

A young man, recently arrived from France, was the chief object of attack. He had received intimations that unless he stopped his campaign there would be trouble. He refrained from attacking the faith of the French Canadians, he said, and asked for protection. It was promised, but in the middle of his address, the electric lights were shut off, the women accompanying him bombarded with rocks and eggs, and he himself struck with vegetables of all descriptions. A little child was struck in the stomach and is being treated at the hospital. The police of the village, it is alleged, told the women that it would be wise to cease selling Bibles and preaching.

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